

TRACOPI – ENHANCING LOCAL PROGRAMME BASED INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT – A LANDSCAPE AND NATURAL RESOURCES PERSPECTIVE

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The ‘TRACOPI’ – made possible through the European Union’s Lifelong Learning Programme – a transfer of innovation project was initiated by the Oulu University of Applied Sciences in 2009 based on former international cooperation.

The overall objective of the project is to give planners of natural resources new skills in collaborative planning. Project aims to:

- (1) Look for and identify new collaborative planning and decision support methods.
- (2) Choose the methods and models that can be adapted to PBPNR (program-based planning of natural resources) process.
- (3) Re-design CoPack (trainers’ support material package for collaborative planners) to build CoPack+by including planning and decision support innovations in it.
- (4) Apply the re-designed CoPack+ in further training courses to PBPNR planners.
- (5) Transfer the updated material and experiences in project partner countries and beyond.

The primary target group is (future) trainers in institutions which provide further training to planners. Secondary target group is the planners who participate in further training. The ultimate beneficiaries are citizens, land owners, NGO’s, SME’s etc. having an interest towards natural resources use, and who are served by PBPNR planners.

The project’s main outcomes are an updated tool-package on collaborative planning (CoPack+), and a training course or module of PBPNR, which enables planners to start using the new methods in the tool-package. The project has direct impacts by improving the quality and relevance of training offered by further training organizations. Because of that, the quality of the PBPNR practices improves in partner countries, which in turn serves better the needs and hopes of the stake-holders in natural resource planning.

Kick off meeting was held in Brno October 2010. Second meeting was held in Budapest in October 2011 and final meeting in Istanbul September 2012. Beside the personal meetings several internet conference were additionally organised to discuss the directions and progress of the work.

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